



The Mayor of Cambridge, Cllr Sheila Stuart, opening the Chesterton Festival on Pye's recreation ground on 26th June, accompanied by Cllr Clare Blair (East Chesterton)

Festival is a real scorcher!

THE sun certainly shone for the Chesterton Festival weekend at the end of June, and the people of Chesterton came and enjoyed a fun-packed weekend.

Highlights included a first for Brown's Field Youth and Community Centre, who hosted a live music event on the Green outside the centre on the Friday evening. Many families came along, enjoyed a picnic and some great sounds.

Saturday's fun day on the Pye recreation ground attracted over 40 stalls and a fantastic array of music and dance in the arena.

The Mayor of Cambridge, Cllr Sheila Stuart, kindly came and launched the festival and presented prizes for various competitions that had taken place.

Over £3,000 was raised by local organisations on the day. Development Community Officer, Sally Roden, who helped to organise the event, said: "A big 'thank you' to all the local organisations, community groups, businesses and individuals who contributed to the Festival this year and made it a great success."

Pictures from the Festival can be seen on the Chesterton Community Association website.

PLAYLANDERS, the play-group and pre-school which meets in St George's Church Hall, has vacancies for the coming school year which begins soon.

Susan Lister, who runs Playlanders, told 'Challenge': We take children from approximately two and a half years old, and places are free from the time a child reaches the ages of three.

"However", explained Susan, "we are hoping soon to be able to join a pilot project which will offer free places to two-year olds if the parents are in receipt of benefit allowances."

The Playlanders have large and spacious play areas, both inside and outside the hall, and offer the children a chance to learn through a wide variety of play experiences.

The group also offer a lunch club and extended play to children in their pre-school year.

For more information contact Susan on 420954 and ask for an information sheet.

Don't forget **BACK-TO-CHURCH SUNDAY**
26th Sept 2010 (see inside for more details)

Sunday Services this month:

Sunday 1st August—Trinity 9

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm United service

Sunday 8th August—Trinity 10

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 15th August—The Blessed Virgin Mary

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm Service at Chesterton Methodists

Sunday 22nd August—Trinity 12

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am **Family Service**
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 29th August—Trinity 13

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Morning prayer daily at 8.00 am (Saturdays 9 am)
Midweek Communion: Weds at 10.00 am

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... and a warm welcome for Lynda!



The Revd Dr Lynda Taylor (centre), who is the new "assistant curate" at St George's Church, with Rev Stephen Bowring, Vicar of St George's, and Rev Hannah Hobday, also a curate at the church. Lynda introduces herself in an article inside this issue.

Local craftsman makes new church furniture in traditional materials

A Yugoslavian carpenter, Dragan Corovic, who now lives in Milton Road, is making four new choir stalls for St George's Church, which it is hoped, will be completed and installed by the end of the year.

Churchwarden, Derrick Flory, told 'Challenge': "Each unit will accommodate two choir members and are being made of American Oak in keeping with the existing woodwork design of the church.

"It is hoped that two further stalls will be provided in the future, when finances allow."

The cost of the new stalls has been made possible in part by a generous



gift willed to the church from Gordon Craft, who died in 2005.

Gordon's widow, Janet, is the present Assistant Treasurer of St George's.

Mr Corovic came to the UK 18 years ago from Sarajevo to take up carpentry professionally, a craft which he had long been involved with as a hobby.

Young players hit the high notes with top performers

PUPILS from Manor Community College and local primary schools took part in a masterclass in string instruments from the Cambridge-based Britten Sinfonia at the college just before the school's summer term ended.

A trio of Britten Sinfonia musicians, Clara Biss, violin, Lianne Melchior, viola and Ben Griffiths, double bass, together with workshop leader John Webb, taught the children how to hold their instruments, make different kinds of sound, and compose simple pieces of music.

Scratching where it itches?

THE irritating problem of head lice is part of every school community; however, it is not every day that a pupil comes up with a helpful solution!

At the Shirley Primary School, Olivia Whitaker in Year 4 decided to produce a leaflet which explains how annoying the problem can be and the way to deal with it!

The school liked Olivia's work so much that it was decided her leaflet should be printed and circulated to every parent, and kept to distribute to parents in the future.

Well done Olivia!

At the end of the session the children performed with the musicians to an audience of teachers two pieces that they had composed during the day - a tango and some 'scary music' which accompanied a silent film about a boy walking in a spooky forest.

Sophie Dunn, Creative Learning Director of Britten Sinfonia, said "It was a real pleasure to work with the children as they embark on what we hope will be a fantastic journey into string playing.

"Our musicians are passionate about what they do, and it's great to be able to share this with a new generation of performers.

"What I particularly enjoyed about this project", added Sophie, "was the fact that only a short while after first picking up their instruments, the children were able to join in a performance with the pro-

Water, water, everywhere...

THE Chesterton Festival ended with a concert given by Chesterton Choral Society, on a theme of 'Water, Water, Everywhere!'

The music included a performance of 'Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo', and all the items were much enjoyed by a large audience which

professional string trio, and experience the buzz of playing in a musical ensemble."

Benjamin Slade, Head teacher at the Manor, said: "I am thrilled that our year 7's and some year 6 pupils from associated primary schools were able to be involved in such an exciting and high profile event.

"Students were enthralled by the session", said Mr Slade, "and in awe of the fantastic musicians and the music director from the Britten Sinfonia, and we are also grateful to the Cambridge University Press for supporting the occasion which gave students the chance to access something special and raise their aspirations"

The Britten Sinfonia is one of Europe's most celebrated and innovative groups, and features some of the finest chamber musicians and soloists.

packed into Chesterton Methodist Church.

The music for one piece called 'Where Corals Lie' had been generously gifted to the choir by members Martin and Jenny Harvey in celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary in 2008. This performance was even more poignant because Jenny sadly died a week prior to the concert.

Along with Martin, she had been a loyal member of the Society for a number of years, including a spell as a very conscientious Treasurer.

St. GEORGE'S HALL USERS

Mondays:

PLAYLANDERS PLAYGROUP: 9 am-2.45pm

Mrs. Susan Lister: 420954

SLIMMING WORLD: 6 pm

Contact Cathy Shortland 293510

Tuesdays:

KETTLE CLUB: 10.30-12 noon

(1st Tuesday of the month)

OVER SIXTIES CLUB: 1.45-4 pm

(2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month)

Anne Baker: 423367

LUNCH CLUB

(3rd Tuesday of the month)

Arthur Clapp: 500220

RAINBOWS & BROWNIES: 5-7 pm

Julie Beaumont 321736

Wednesdays:

PLAYLANDERS PLAYGROUP: 9 am-2.45pm

Thursdays:

PRAM PUSHERS: 10-11.30 am

Patricia Abrey: 425915 or Elizabeth Newman: 424993

CHESTERTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

7.00 pm-8.30 pm The Vicar: 423374

Fridays:

PLAYLANDERS PLAYGROUP: 9 am-1pm

Saturdays:

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"Back to Church" Sunday

CHURCHES throughout the country are making a particular effort to invite newcomers to their services on September 26th.

The title 'Back-to-Church Sunday' reflects the fact that statistics show that a great many of us have attended a church at some time, and quite a number express an interest in coming back but are unsure about taking the first step.

St Laurence's farewell to Fr. David

FR DAVID Paul, who had been parish priest at St Laurence's Roman Catholic Church, Milton Road for the past 13 years, left Cambridge on 15 July for a short break before taking up a similar post at St Mary's R.C. Church in Ipswich in September.

Fr Paul said goodbye to his congregation after offering a final Mass at the church, followed by a special party at St Laurence's Primary School, Arbury Road.

Last year's BTCS resulted in a staggering 53,000 'returners' nationally, as churches pulled out all the stops to invite lapsed members and new ones too.

At St George's this date is also our Harvest Festival, and the 10.00 am service will be followed by a light lunch for all who can stay. Don't wait for your invitation—put the date in your diary now!

In his final letter in 'The Pilgrim', St Laurence's Church magazine, Fr Paul thanked everyone for their kindness, support and love to him over past years.

"I cannot put into words how much this has meant to me", he said, "and I am truly thankful for all that I have received."

He will be succeeded at St Laurence's in September by Fr Pat Cleary, who will be moving to Cambridge from St Neots.

Introducing Lynda & Nigel

FOLLOWING my ordination as deacon in Ely Cathedral on 3rd July, I am very pleased to be undertaking my curacy at St George's in Chesterton.

I like to think of myself as a relatively local girl. From the age of five I spent my childhood living in the south Cambridgeshire villages of Stapleford and Great Shelford, and I went to secondary school in Cambridge. At 18 I moved away to attend university in Manchester where I met my husband, Nigel. We then spent several years living and working in London and in Hertfordshire, before returning to settle in south Cambs. We spent 18 happy years in Sawston, bringing up our family there and getting involved in the life of the local churches and village community, before moving into the centre of Cambridge in 2002. Since then we have lived in Montague Road in Chesterton and were members of our local parish church of St Andrew's until transferring to St George's this summer.



First appearance for Community Choir

Formed for the occasion of the Chesterton Festival, the Chesterton Community Choir have decided to stay together and keep singing. Why not come and join us? No auditions, no fees, no uniforms; just fun music-making on a Thursday evening in the Church Hall. 423374 for details.

We both have a background in modern languages and education. Nigel has taught French for much of his career and since 1990 he has been at Hills Road Sixth Form College, where he is currently Assistant Principal for Student Support and Guidance, with overall pastoral responsibility for the 1800 students there. My professional career is also in language education – both teaching and research. For the past 25 years I have worked as a freelance consultant and also in permanent fulltime

employment, largely in the field of language testing and assessment. I currently work part-time as an academic lecturer, writer and editor.

We have two grown-up daughters in their late 20s, Ellie and Megan, both of whom are married and living in Royston and Newcastle respectively. Just a week after the ordination in Ely our elder daughter gave birth to our first grandchild, so we are adjusting to new roles in more ways than one!

Rev Dr Lynda Taylor



Fr. David Paul, parish priest at St Laurence's for the last thirteen years, moves on to St Mary's Ipswich

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be held on **Saturday,**
4 Sept. at 1.30 pm.

St George's Clubs

ALTHOUGH August is always a time for local community organisations to reduce their activities, St George's continues to stage some events.

The Kettle Club meet in the church hall on Tuesday, 3 August for tea, coffee and biscuits at 10.30am, and this will be followed on the following Saturday, 7 August when a Charity Coffee morning will be held in church between 10am - 12noon in aid of Fair Trade.

The Lunch Club meet on Tuesday, 17 August at 12.30pm - members should contact Arthur Clapp on 500220 if they are unable to attend.

Christian Aid funds

Although St George's opted not to organise a house-to-house parish

collection in May during Christian Aid week, £133.09 was raised for the charity through events at church.

Brown's Field

A FULL summer programme for children and their parents has been arranged by the City Council at the Brown's Field Community Centre and beyond during the schools holidays.

A variety of sessions has been organised on every weekday during August until Friday, 27 August for children, young people and families, and there will be outdoor games, crafts, drop-ins and many family activities - children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

The team at Brown's Field expect everyone to behave in a responsible manner so that all attending can have fun and enjoy themselves.

There will also be a Family Trip to Gt Yarmouth on Thursday, 12 August - adults £5, children £3, but seats must be booked in advance at the centre.

Full details of all activities can be obtained by telephoning the centre on 420309 or email: brownsfield@cambridge.gov.uk or viewed on the web site at: www.cambridge.gov.uk.

Fitness Camp

A LOCAL resident, Barbara Stango, is starting a Renaissance Fitness Boot Camp in this area in September, in which those taking part will be involved in a weight loss and fitness programme.

A typical fitness bootcamp includes a combination of jogging, interval training and body weight training, two sessions a week for four weeks.

For more information contact Barbara on 07769 336369.

New CRC Principal

THE CAMBRIDGE Regional College will have a new principal when the new term begins in the autumn.

Ann Constantine, who has been principal of Huntingdon Regional College since 2002, moves to the college in King's Hedges Road, succeeding the previous principal, Rick Dearling, who retired in July.

Councillors Surgery

EAST Chesterton Councillors will be holding a surgery at Brown's Field Community Centre on Saturday, 7 August between 11am - 12 noon.

The next City Council North Area Public Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, 30 September.

KHNP activities

A REMINDER of the community activities which are to be held during August arranged by the King's Hedges Neighbourhood Partnership.

On Tuesday, 3 August a family trip has been organised to Gt Yarmouth, followed on Tuesday, 24 August with a further outing to Hunstanton, both trips costing £6, children £3.

The coaches leave Campkin Road near the shops at 8.30am, leaving the seaside resorts at 5pm.

There may be tickets still available - contact Maria Cassidy on 508197.

On Thursday, 5 August a family 'drop-in' is being held at the Community House, 37 Lawrence Way, involving arts and crafts - children need to be accompanied by a responsible adult, 10-11.30am, and this event will be repeated on Thursday, 19 August and will also include beauty treatments for mums and carers. Both events are free.

The popular annual Teddy Bear's Picnic will be held at the Community House on Thursday, 12 August, be-

tween 11.30am - 1pm, with Jezzo the Magician.

The picnic is aimed at families with children under the age of 11 years, with a family ticket costing £1.50 (up to four children), which can be obtained from Maria Cassidy on 508197.

Last Performance

CHESTERTON Choral Society's recent concert (see page 2) brought more than the Chesterton Festival to a close: it was also the concluding appearance of one of its prominent members, Christine Sanson.

Christine had sung with the society for 40 years, and told us "I shall miss the singing, but I will always have the choir's interest at heart. It has been a lifetime experience."

Christine was also keeper of the society's archives for many years.



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